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1. (Secret - JGO) Talked to Mr. William Van Ness, Chief Counsel, Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, who told me Senator Jackson intends an informal briefing for himself and Mr. Van Ness and possibly Senator Gordon Allott, the senior Republican on the Committee. This briefing on Middle East oil is preliminary to executive session and open hearings to be conducted by the Senate Interior Committee, chaired by Senator Jackson, later in the year. There is no intention of including the Agency in the Committee hearings. See Journal of 14 June 1972.

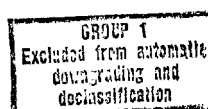
2. (Confidential - JMM) Met with Senator Howard Cannon (D., Nev.) to get his support for our efforts to strike or modify the amendment to the Foreign Assistance Authorization (S. 3390) which would cut off funding for the Thai irregulars in Laos. Senator Cannon said we could count on his vote but he did not commit himself on cosponsoring our amendment or speaking for it on the floor. I left with him a package of material explaining the problem and containing suggested points which could be made in a floor discussion.

3. (Confidential - JMM) Reviewed the problem of the amendment striking funds for the Thai irregulars with Messrs. Braswell and Woolsey, Senate Armed Services Committee. We agreed that the more cosponsors we could get for our proposed amendment the better, regardless of whether they were members of the Armed Services Committee or not. Among those we considered were Senators Milton Young, Ernest Hollings, Harry Byrd, Robert Griffin and Charles Percy.

4. (Confidential - JMM) Met with Senator Harry Byrd and explained our problem regarding the Thai irregulars to him. He said we would have his vote, but he reserved his decision on cosponsorship until he had acquainted himself with the implications of the proposal. He suggested that we talk to his Legislative Assistant Jack Brooks, which [REDACTED] later did.

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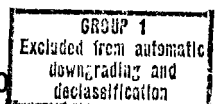
5. (Confidential - JMM) Talked to Tom Korologos, White House staff, and told him of our efforts to get support for striking or amending the Foreign Assistance Authorization (S. 3390) provisions cutting off funding to the Thai irregulars. He agreed with our idea of getting as many sponsors as possible. I also told him we were trying to get in touch with Senator Sparkman who is expected to manage the bill on the floor and explain to him our problem and seek his advice.

6. (Confidential - JMM) Talked to David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, and told him of our meetings with the several members and staff personnel of the Armed Services Committee in connection with the Foreign Assistance Authorization provisions which would cut off funding to the Thai irregulars. Mr. Abshire agreed with our tactic of trying to get as many cosponsors as possible and said he would approach Senator James B. Allen. I agreed to approach Senators Strom Thurmond, Milton Young and John L. McClellan at the first opportunity.

7. (Unclassified - GLC) In the absence of Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations David Abshire and his Deputy, Marshall Wright, I talked with James Halmo, Staff Assistant, early this morning and brought him up-to-date on our conversations yesterday with members of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff and with Senator Dominick on efforts to strike section 515 from the Foreign Assistance Authorization bill (S. 3390). I asked Halmo about the timing of amendments on this bill and he indicated he doubted the Senate could get to this item before next Tuesday.

8. (Unclassified - GLC) Messrs. Maury and [REDACTED] met with Charles Kendrick, Administrative Assistant to Senator Peter Dominick (R., Colo.), and left with him a copy of our package on section 515 of the Foreign Assistance Authorization bill (S. 3390). We told him we had talked with Senator Cannon who had agreed to vote for an amendment to strike this section but had reserved a decision on engaging in active floor participation in support of the amendment. We told him we hoped to speak to Senator Sparkman about this provision to get some indication as to whether Sparkman would agree to striking section 515. Kendrick said he would be talking further with Senator Dominick and would give us a call after he has had an opportunity to review the material we left with him.

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9. (Confidential - GLC) Messrs. Maury and [REDACTED] met briefly with 25X1A Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and brought him up-to-date on our efforts to obtain support for an amendment to the Foreign Assistance Authorization bill (S. 3390) striking section 515. Woodruff agreed with our proposal to speak informally with Senator Sparkman about this section and also agreed it would be desirable to obtain as many cosponsors of the amendment as possible and strongly recommended that we try to get Senator Stennis to agree to have his name listed as one of these cosponsors.

We mentioned the Ronk article in this morning's Washington Post about commando raids into North Vietnam and brought him up-to-date on the facts. Woodruff recalled having been briefed on this some time ago.

Picked up from Woodruff copies of the Secretary of Defense's Annual Defense Department Report for FY 73 and Admiral Moorer's Military Posture Statement for FY 73.

10. (Unclassified - GLC) Talked with Jack Brooks, in the office of Senator Harry Byrd (I., Va.), in an effort to solicit his and in turn the Senator's support for an amendment to strike section 515 of the Foreign Assistance Authorization bill (S. 3390). Brooks showed us a paper he had written for the Senator on this section some time ago recommending that he oppose this section. He said he would read the section we left with him and discuss the situation with Senator Byrd. He said he would try to be back in touch with us and let us know the Senator's feelings about this tomorrow morning.

11. (Confidential - GLC) Talked with George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, about Representative Chet Holifield's question (which had been prompted by Murphy) at the Director's briefing on 13 June which had to do with data on Soviet military developments which had been made available in unclassified statements by Administration spokesmen. Murphy referred me to Dr. Kissinger's Moscow press release of 27 May 1972 and an article by Stuart Alsop which appeared in the 5 June issue of Newsweek as the bases for Holifield's question.

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